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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2000, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

2. (Once amended) An exhaust emission control system of an internal combustion engine [according to claim 1], comprising:

exhaust gas purifying means provided in an exhaust passageway of said internal combustion engine;

flow direction switching means including four ports and provided at an exhaust passageway disposed more upstream than said exhaust gas purifying means;